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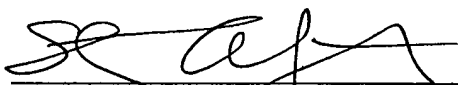
With respect to the Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action, Applicant elects Invention III drawn to a system for fabricating semiconductor components. Claims 1-25 read on the elected Invention III.

Non-elected claims 26-50 have been canceled from the present application and are being prosecuted in a separately filed divisional application. In addition, the title has been amended to be more descriptive of the elected subject matter.

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-25 is requested. Also, an Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with this Amendment. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone.

DATED this 22nd day of September, 2004.

Respectfully submitted:



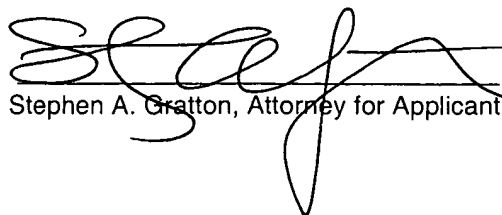
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